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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Michael J. Botich et al.

Application No.: 10/698,763

Confirmation No.: 2804

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Art Unit: 3763

For: FLUID COLLECTION DEVICE WITH  
CAPTURED RETRACTABLE NEEDLE

Examiner: T. J. Stigell

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 17, 2009, for which a response was due July 17, 2009. Attached hereto is a petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to September 17, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.